TRANSLATOR'S PREFACE

SOON after the publication of Mr. Dichmann's treatise In (Jermany, one of my most intimate and able friends, \vlio is engaged in one of the largest Continental steel works, sent me a, ropy. At (he outset, I recognised iu it a book which, filled many serious gaps in tho literaturo of: an important subject, vi/..: (he manufacture, of steel by tho basic process. Having myself found the book very valuable, \. thought it desirable that it should be published in the. English language.

After mature consideration, 1 resolved to confine, myself in making my translation to the removal of any existing inaccuracies in the text, while otherwise, rendering as literal a, translalion as the differences in the genius of tho two languages would permit.

I beg to endorse, the author's hopo that this work will stimulate* others into efforts to collect and co-ordinate tlus large amount of knowledge which actually exists in relation to the subject, hut being distributed in many journals, published in various languages, is in a form which is not generally available, especially to busy works' managers and others engaged practically in (he steel-making industry.

It is only by careful collation of the investigations of tho various workers in the subject that a correct appreciation of t!ie problems involved can be arrived at, and the way to further advance, thereby prepared.

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